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Petersbourg, April 10. O. S.

ON the 18th paſt M. Mardefeld, the King of Pruſſia's Miniſter, left this Place to go to the Congreſs at Aland, where Baron Lilienſtet on the Part of Sweden is expected. On the 22d M. Oſterman, the Czar's ſecond Plenipotentiary for treating of Peace with Sweden, ſet out likewiſe for Aland, and we have ſince received Advice of his and M. Mardefeld's Arrival at Abo. Major General Jagoskinsky is alſo preparing for his Journey the ſame Way, but it is not yet known whether he is to aſſiſt at the ſaid Congreſs, or to proceed to Stockholm to make the Czar's Compliments of Condoleance and Congratulation to the Queen. Prince Menzikoff is appointed to command in chief the Troops in the Ukraine, in the Room of Field Marſhal Czeremetoff, deceaſed. The Czar has received a very friendly Letter from the King of Perſia, with ſome Preſents which were delivered on the 24th paſt: Thoſe Preſents conſiſt of ſeveral Pieces of rich Silks, a Set of ſix Coach Horſes, and four very fine Saddle Horſes, two Lions, two Tigers and a Panther. The Preparations of War by Sea and Land are continued, the Czar appearing determined if he cannot ſettle Peace with the Swedes by Negotiation, to compel them to it on his own Terms by Force. On the 4th Inſtant the Dutcheſs of Mecklenburg arrived here with a ſmall Retinue. On the 8th Count Gollovin ſet out from hence for Revel, to take on him the command of a Squadron which is fitting out there; but the Froſt continuing pretty ſevere, it will be ſome Days before that Port can be free from Ice.

Berne, April 26. This Canton having named three Deputies, being the ruling Avoyer, Treaſurer, and Banderet of this Republick, for a Conference to be held with thoſe of Zurich at Araw, they ſet out on the 22d Inſtant for that Place. They have in Commiſſion to ſettle and adjuſt between them ſuch Accounts as relate to the common Charges of the laſt Swiſs War, and have not yet been balanced between the two States. They have likewiſe Orders to enter into the Diſcuſſion of the new Differences ariſen of late between the Abbot of St. Gall and his Subjects of Tockembourg; for the Accommodation of which both Parties have accepted the Arbitration of the two Cantons, the Abbot ſending his Chancellour to Araw, and thoſe of Tockembourg ſome Perſons on their Part, to repreſent their ſeveral Grievances to the Aſſembly: It is honed that this Matter may be amicably adjuſted by the equitable Judgment of the Deputies of the Cantons, to whom it is referred. Several Officers of this Place who belong to the Swiſs Troops in the States Generals Service, are gone from hence in order to join their reſpective Regiments either in Holland or England; but Brigadier Sturler is ſtill detained here by Sickneſs.

Lisbon, April 28. N. S. On the 26th Inſtant arrived here the Dover and Experiment, two Britiſh Men of War, from Gibraltar; and Yeſterday two others, the Superbe and Dragon, from the Mediterranean. The Durſley ſailed from hence this Morning.

Paris, May 13. On the 5th Inſtant arrived the Count de Vernon, Ambaſſadour from the King of Sardinia; and on the 9th the Marquis d' Antremont de Bellegarde, whom he ſucceeds, carried him to the Palace of the Tuilleries, where he had a private Audience of the King. The Prince of Conti went from hence on the 10th Inſtant: Moſt of our General Officers are gone to the Army, and the reſt are preparing to follow. The Siege of Fontarabia is reſolved upon; and the Marſhal Berwick will open the Trenches before it on the 15th Inſtant. We have Advice, that King Philip left Madrid on the 26th of April to go to Barcelona: But 'tis thought the Progreſs of the French on the Side of Biſcay, will induce him to alter his Journey. He has lately publiſhed a new Manifeſto in very harſh Terms, wherein he declares himſelf Regent of France.

Hague, May 12. On the 8th Inſtant Mr. Whitworth, His Britannick Majeſty's Miniſter, ſet out from hence for the Court of Berlin. The ſame Day the Deputies of the Province of Friſeland propoſed to the Aſſembly of the States General, the ſending of M. Burmania Ambaſſadour to the Queen of Sweden: The Deputies of Holland oppoſed it, and inſiſted upon the ſending of M. Haſlaer, who had been nominated by their Province, which is more concerned than all the reſt in the Trade with Sweden: But after a long Debate, M. Burmania was choſen for Ambaſſadour by the Majority of Votes in the Aſſembly. It has been propoſed to ſend a Miniſter to the Court of Denmark, and M. Itterſum and M. Goes are the Candidates for that Employment.

Whitehall, May 4. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to create

Bennet Viſcount Sherard, an Earl of Great Britain, by the Name Style and Title of Earl of Harborough in the County of Leiceſter.

William Grimſton, Eſq; a Baron and Viſcount of the Kingdom of Ireland, by the Name Style and Title of Baron of Dunboyne in the County of Meath, and Viſcount Grimſton.

Thomas Pitt, Junior, Eſq; a Baron of the Kingdom of Ireland, by the Name Style and Title of Baron of Londonderry.

Whitehall, April 24, 1719.

Whereas on Sunday the 22d of March laſt, about Nine at Night, ſeveral Perſons came Armed into His Majeſty's Forreſt of Dean, and having diſcharged their Pieces ſet Fire to the Fences round the Lodges belonging to Captain Weſton and Budden, and afterwards pulled down their Pounds and cut their Gates: And on Sunday the 5th of April laſt, the Goſt in the Buckall Incloſure within the ſaid Forreſt, was likewiſe ſet on Fire, whereby three Acres full of young Wood was deſtroyed; His Majeſty is pleaſed to promiſe His Gracious Pardon to any one of the Offenders, who ſhall diſcover the reſt, ſo as they or any of them be convicted thereof.

J. CRAGGS.

Likewiſe a Reward of 30 *l. will be paid to ſuch Diſcoverer by Edward Young, Eſq; Surveyor-General of His Majeſty's Woods, at the Office of Works in Whitehall.*

Whitehall, May 4, 1719.

It is His Majeſty's expreſs Will and Pleaſure, that no Officer belonging to either of the 25 *Independent Companies of Invalids do preſume to be abſent from his Poſt, without Leave from the Secretary at War for the time being; and His Majeſty hereby declares, that in Caſe any Officer ſhall offend againſt this Rule, that his Poſt ſhall be immediately given to ſome Half-Pay Officer of the ſame Rank.* Geo. Treby.

The Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms do hereby give Notice, That in Purſuance of a Warrant of the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty Treaſury, they are ready to contract with proper Perſons for finiſhing the Weſt End of the Cuſtom-Houſe in Thames-Street, viz. Joiners, Plumbers, Plaiſterers, Smiths, Ironmongers, Glaſiers, Painters, and Paviours: Therefore any Perſons of thoſe Trades may give or ſend their Propoſals to the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, ſealed, on or before the 13*th of May Inſtant: And they may in the mean time be informed of the Work to be done, on the* 7*th,* 8*th and* 9*th of this Month, between the Hours of Seven and Ten each Morning, inquiring of the Houſekeeper at the Cuſtom-Houſe.*

Whereas